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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Authority to Declassify Classified Information

1. I have thumbed through the NSCIDs and the DCIDs but have not come across a clear-cut, unequivocal statement of policy as to who has the responsibility within the U. S. Government for declassifying classified information -- that is, insofar as I am concerned, determining that information which previously had been classified could now be unclassified and turned out for public consumption through press media.

2. Please have the staff prepare me an initial memorandum indicating the present status on this problem and, if it appears to be a problem, have them start to work at once to develop an appropriate Government policy.

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